



## **U.S. ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY** **SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL** ***FACT SHEET***

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The **U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School** - the Army's special operations university - is responsible for special operations training and leader development, as well as doctrine and personnel proponentcy for U.S. Army Special Forces, civil affairs and psychological operations.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)** conducts the complete spectrum of special operations training.

The 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG's **1st Battalion** conducts four of the six phases of training in the Special Forces Training Pipeline: Phase I is the three-week Special Forces Assessment and Selection course, Phase II is small unit tactics training and Phase IV is the culminating unconventional warfare exercise, known as "Robin Sage". Phase VI is the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course.

The **2nd Battalion** teaches advanced special operations skills in weapons training, military free fall and underwater operations. They also teach all Special Forces warrant officer courses and the Special Forces Intelligence Sergeant Course.

The **3rd Battalion** conducts Phase V of the SF Training Pipeline - language training. Additionally, 3rd Bn. is responsible for all civil affairs and psychological operations training and conducts an extensive regional studies program.

The **4th Battalion** conducts Phase III of the SF Training Pipeline including the Weapons, Engineer, Communications and Medical Sergeant Courses and the Officer Qualification course.

The **Support Battalion**, consisting of 29 different combat service support military occupational specialties, allows the training battalions to focus on quality training by providing the logistical, administrative, transportation, and facility management support to the Center and School.

The **Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center** is responsible for all U.S. military special operations forces' combat medical training, including Army Rangers and Navy SEALs.

The **Noncommissioned Officer Academy** prepares enlisted soldiers for leadership positions in all Army special operations forces, including Special Forces, civil affairs and psychological operations. Soldiers receive training in leadership skills, military studies, resource management, effective communication, operations and intelligence, unconventional warfare, operational planning, psychological operations and advanced military occupational skills.

The Center and School's **Directorate of Training and Doctrine** develops all special operations doctrine and works with the field and the Training Group to develop all courses and training programs.

The **Proponentcy Office** has the responsibility for managing the careers of all Special Forces, civil affairs and psychological operations Soldiers.

The **International Military Student Office** is responsible for oversight of international students who attend any one of the many courses offered by the Center and School.

The **Army Special Operations Battle Lab**, working in conjunction with Army and other Service Battle Labs, conducts warfighting experiments using simulation, digitized command and control systems and real-world deployments to develop future operational capabilities and support that will allow special operations units to achieve full-spectrum dominance.

The **Security Assistance Training Management Office** is charged with coordinating the deployment of security assistance teams to support friendly nations and meet regional challenges to American and allied interests aboard.

The **JFK Special Warfare Museum** is home to nearly 7,000 artifacts, which are maintained to preserve and teach the history of the Center and School and the Special Forces branch.

Based at Fort Bragg, N.C., the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School conducts more than 100 different courses and trains more than 14,000 students annually. Since 1963, it has led the way in creating the world's finest special operations forces.